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SUBJ: W/W- CAROLYN NDUNGU

REF: A) NAIROBI 10400; B) STATE 173361

1. AFTER THE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION REPORTED IN REF. A, CONSULAR OFFICER WROTE TO MR. NDUNGU TO EXPLAIN THE SERVICES THE EMBASSY COULD PROVIDE FOR HIS FOUR CHILDREN, WHOM THE USG CONSIDERS AMERICAN CITIZENS. HE TELEPHONED BACK AND WAS BRIEFED ON THE DOCUMENTATION AND TRAVEL ASSISTANCE WE COULD PROVIDE. (N.B. REPATRIATION LOANS WERE NOT PROMISED.) IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT, IF HE WAS ADAMANT IN WISHING TO SEND HIS CHILDREN TO THE UNITED STATES TO LIVE AND MRS. NDUNGU WAS NOT ABLE TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEM, THE USG COULD MAKE INQUIRIES BEFORE THEY LEFT KENYA ABOUT U.S. INSTITUTIONS THAT COULD CARE FOR THEM.

2. MR. NDUNGU SAID THAT, IN ORDER TO MAKE A DECISION ABOUT THE CHILDREN'S FUTURE, HE NEEDS A STATEMENT IN WRITING FROM MRS. NDUNGU CONFIRMING A) WHETHER SHE FEELS THEY CAN EVER LIVE TOGETHER AGAIN, AND B) WHETHER SHE IS WILLING TO ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR FOUR CHILDREN, EVEN IF THEY BECOME DIVORCED. WITH SUCH A DOCUMENT, MR. NDUNGU FEELS HE CAN THEN DECIDE WHETHER TO KEEP THE CHILDREN HIMSELF, SEND THEM TO THEIR MOTHER, PUT THEM IN A HOME HERE IN KENYA, OR SEEK INSTITUTIONALIZED CARE FOR THEM IN THE UNITED STATES. THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO CONVEY THIS MESSAGE TO MRS. NDUNGU, WHO, HAS MR. UNCLASSIFIED

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NDUNGU'S MAILING ADDRESS.

3. COMMENT: CONSULAR OFFICER DOES NOT BELIEVE MR. NDUNGU HAS ANY INTENTION OF INSTITUTIONALIZING HIS CHILDREN, EITHER IN KENYA OR IN THE UNITED STATES. IT IS MORE LIKELY THAT HE IS ONLY USING THE OPENING THE EMBASSY HAS PROVIDED IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A RESPONSE FROM MRS. NDUNGU SATISFACTORY TO HIM. THE

EMBASSY HAS FELT OBLIGED, HOWEVER, TO LET HIM KNOW WHAT
ASSISTANCE CAN BE GIVEN TO AMERICAN CITIZENS.
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